



Media Release

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HAVE YOUR SAY ON A RESERVE NAME IN RYDE LGA

The Geographical Names Board is seeking community feedback on a proposal by Ryde City Council to name a reserve in the suburb of Macquarie Park as Catherine Hamlin Park.

Chair of the Geographical Names Board Narelle Underwood said the Board is encouraging community comment before it considers the proposal.

“We want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to provide their feedback on the proposed name.”

The reserve is located on the corner of Harvest Street and Waterloo Road, Macquarie Park.

Dr Catherine Hamlin AC (1924-2020) was a co-founder of the Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia, a health care network comprised of six hospitals in Ethiopia. It includes a rehabilitation centre and a college to train midwives. The network is dedicated to the treatment and prevention of a preventable childbirth injury, obstetric fistula.

In 1983 Dr Hamlin was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia, and in 1995 she was appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia. She was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1999 and 2014, and in 2018 she was awarded NSW Senior Australian of the Year.

There is also a Sydney Harbour ferry named in her honour.

The proposed reserve seeks to commemorate Dr Hamlin’s achievements within nearby Macquarie Park.

Details of the proposal can be viewed and submissions lodged on the Geographical Names Board’s [website](#).

Alternatively, written submissions may be mailed to the Secretary, Geographical Names Board, 346 Panorama Ave, Bathurst, NSW 2795.

The closing date for submissions is 2 July 2021.